

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: De Maria et al. Confirmation No: 9304

Serial No.: 10/574,554 Group Art Unit: 1656

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For: Protease Variants

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2009 be extended for a period of three months from March 2, 2010 to June 2, 2010.

All required fees were charged to Novozymes North America, Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 50-1701 at the time of electronic filing. The USPTO is authorized to charge this Deposit Account should any additional fees be due.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 2, 2010

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